

HENRY HUDSON PAC MEETING

Date & Time: November 8th, 2010 Meeting started at 6:36 pm

Location: Henry Hudson Library

In attendance: Parents (approximately 20), Principal Mrs. Browning, teachers (Mr. Muress & Mme Boyd). A full list of attendees is available from the PAC Chair upon request. For privacy reasons a full list is not posted on the web site.

1. A motion to approve minutes from October 2010 Pac meeting by Gary was seconded by Jo. Motion passed.

2. Treasurer's Report– Sheila

- a. Sheila and Andrea have dispensed a good portion of the wish list funds to the school.
- b. So far, fundraising has done well this year, with Entertainment Book sales generating more money than anticipated as one example.

3. Holiday Fair Update -Sheila

- a. Flyer went out to students to take home advertising the Holiday Fair on Dec. 3rd from 3-7 and asking for donations and volunteers. Donations of gift items will be to sell at the fair in the "kids only shop" and bottles of items for the "string pull". For more information, see Sheila and Andrea's flyer. Volunteers are needed to man the tables with or without students/ children helping, to do some preparations before-hand and to help set up and tear down the Fair. All proceeds will go to PAC, Grade 7's and Henry Hudson Out of School Care.
 - b. Sheila motioned for approval to spend \$600 on a carnival package that would take care of providing game booths, hot dog rollers and prizes for every child who plays a game. From her information, the expenditure should be easily made up at the Fair. The motion was unanimously passed by those in attendance.
 - c. Poinsettias will be sold at the Fair and pre-orders will be collected at the school before the fair, to be picked up at the fair. Flyer went out today with students to be returned by Monday, November 22nd.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Secretaries to keep reminding parents about opportunity to volunteer at Winter Fair.

4. PAC Chair Report - Robert

a. Raffle

- i. Early Bird Incentive ended Nov. 1st.

Monica M. took the Canucks tickets (selling well over \$300 worth of tickets), Inoue I. took the InBedOrganics Pillow and Tracey took the Muncha Mia tickets. Thank you to parents who donated prizes!

- ii. We need ideas to help sell tickets. Please let Robert know if you have a good idea. (The licence expires around Dec. 15th and we must pull a winner at Dec. 13th Christmas Concert.)

b. Traffic & Safety

- i. PAC would like to erect a sign to help educate about safe areas to drop students off. The idea is to post a sign on the fence in the drop off only area. According to Chad (parent police officer), education is key to keep the kids safe around drop-off times.

- **ACTION ITEM:** Robert to get a few quotes on possible signage for fence.

Mrs. Browning will get name of sign company school has previously used.

c. Choir

- i. Enrolment in the choir is just under 50 students (had predicted about 30). Choir revenue is about \$1000 in the black so this money can be invested in the choir's future. Catherine recommends that the money be spent on more time with the accompanist and more assistance to manage the big group of kids during rehearsals. Finally, Catherine recommends making it more affordable for the next season. Next season, Catherine is hoping to do some musical numbers, with ensemble singing and smaller groups singing among the ensemble.

5. Community Advocacy Group Update (1818 Cornwall) – Christine C.

- a. Owners of 1818 Cornwall want to renew their building and increase revenue from their development. With help from community open houses, architects, planners, etc., they have arrived at a basic concept that will include residential, commercial, office space, some historical monuments celebrating Kitsilano and a daycare in the plan for development.

More information is at this link: <http://1818cornwall.com/>. There will be another open house in January 2011 for all community members.

6. Secretary Report - Chantal

- a. Kindergarten registration has begun and will continue until January 2011. Information sheets have been sent out to daycares and preschools. Incoming families will be given a more detailed info sheet upon registering at the office and this will link them to a contact with the PAC secretaries. This way we have opportunity to embrace incoming families and begin to prepare class lists. The email address is HHPACsecretary@gmail.com
- **ACTION ITEM:** Mrs. Browning will get banner advertising K registration put up on fence at Cornwall and Cypress.
- b. Correspondence - Templeton Mini School Articulation Information, Program Profile and Application Brochure and Jamieson Elementary's Mandarin Bilingual Program Brochures came to us by mail this month and are available from the PAC secretaries.
- c. Secretaries are still looking for two class representatives for Division 2 and 6 for reminder emails.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Chantal will send a handout to parents of those two divisions, attempting to recruit a representative.

7. Principal's Report – Mrs. Browning

- a. Wednesday is the Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45 (until about 11:30). Everyone is looking forward to seeing many classes and the choir perform. Parents are welcome.

- b. French Immersion Info Session at Tupper is on Wednesday, November 17th from 7-8.
- c. Pro –D Day on Friday, November 26th.
- d. District Closure Day on Friday, November 12th.

8. Teacher's Report – Mr. Muress

- a. Big thank yous! The teachers have received money from PAC for a new laser printer, 6 library computers (set to arrive Nov. 19th), a scanner and art supplies. The teachers enjoyed taking the students through the Haunted House set up by PAC as well.
- b. Thursday, November 25th from 6:30-8pm will be a family games/bingo night put on by the grade 7's.
- c. Handouts for the grade 6/7 camping trip were sent out to survey interest among the students and their parents. Every second year the grade 6/7s do a camp out. This year it will be held at the Sasamat Outdoor Education Camp in April. The PAC may be asked to help pay for this event as it costs about \$250/student.
- d. Teachers discussed where to put new smart boards when we can afford them and decided to start at the top divisions and alternate between French and English programs. It is possible the PAC may have money to purchase two this year. Right now, the school has 3: one in Mr. Muress and Ms. Novotny's rooms and one in the library.

9. Centennial Committee Update – Alan & Mme Boyd (Sandra R. and Raven also on the committee)

- a. Mme Boyd met with other schools that have had centennial celebrations and learned what works and what not to do/what not to spend money on. She will meet with Alan before the December PAC meeting. They will try to come up with a date for Centennial Celebration and begin to ask for volunteers to help prepare for the Centennial coming up in 2011. Much more will be covered at the December PAC Meeting.

10. Hot Lunch Update – Wendy

- a. She wants to remind teachers to try not to schedule field trips on Thursdays so as not to interfere with hot lunch days.
- b. A new connection with someone at Hi Liner and Campbell's will mean a positive change to some of the hot lunch choices for the New Year.
- c. A survey for families will be coming out to get feedback about the program.

11. Next Meeting

- a. Next PAC Meeting/Celebration of the Year: Tuesday, December 7th at 6:30 in the library.

12. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Wendy was seconded by Marie at 7:30pm. Motion passed.